

Synopsis: The still shot taken from CCTV footage on 7.4.22 with the 10:14:57 timestamp that was widely circulated and used as solid photographic evidence to place Bobby at the scene was captured by Geri & Hal Emalfarb, owners of StudioOne at 1799 Green Bay Rd. Their surveillance camera is placed in the alley that leads to the parking lot and fire-escape behind the Ross building if entering from Green Bay and not from 2nd Street.

The Emalfarbs gave an on camera interview with CBS2 Investigates' Megan Hickey to discuss the footage.

YouTube Link

[https://youtu.be/YkCTXN6_19k?si=94fuPXc8V9oK2bu2]

(video also archived in Drive and on the internet archives)

Address:

StudioOne, LLC
1799 Green Bay Road
Highland Park, IL

Owners: Geri and Hal Emalfarb

CBS2 Transcript

[Reporters Joe Donlon & Irika Sargent]

IS: ***"It's the picture that put a face to the mass shooting suspect - captured seconds after the bullets stopped flying. The Highland Park couple who owns the surveillance camera tells CBS2 about the moment they realized what they had."***

[Megan Hickey, reporting from Highland Park at StudioOne with Geri Emalfarb and Hal Emelfarb]

MH: [The couple] ***"own a building just over here on Green Bay Road, just steps from where investigators say that shooter fired 83 rounds into that 4th of July Parade."***

GE: *"The rifle dropped out of his, um, of his blanket. He turned around to look where it was and when he turned around, I think he looked up [points up to camera] and*

there was the camera."

MH: [Geri] *"was in the 4th of July parade that day. Waiting for her on the route was her husband, Hal."*

HE: *"All of a sudden, POP POP, and you realize you're now involved in an active shooting."*

GE: *"We saw hoards of people running towards us screaming SHOOTER SHOOTER SHOOTER RUN RUN RUN."*

MH: *"Hal, a former chairman at downtown Highland Park went to check surveillance cameras on his building."*

MH: *"Did you know what you had when you saw it?"*

HE: *"Um yes, we knew basically it was kind of a strange looking person, okay? That obviously had it so we guessed that was him."*

MH: *"Do you remember seeing that image for the first time?"*

GE: *"Yeah, it was spooky."*

MH: *"According to the full surveillance video which they've been asked to keep private to protect the integrity of the investigation, the shooter entered the alley at 10:07am.*

Police say the shooting took place at 10:14.

This snapshot was captured at 10:14:57."

MH: *"The person in the video was wearing headphones and women's clothing. The video shows him dropping a red blanket behind the building. Police say that wrapped inside was the high powered rifle."*

The Emalfarbs

Hal

Age 71

Founding partner at Emalfarb, Swain & Bain

Overview of Emalfarb, Swain & Bain from HG.org:

Over the past 35 years, Emalfarb, Swan & Bain has been the general counsel to a number of trade associations, Fortune 500 companies, and small proprietorships, protecting billions of dollars in receivables by developing a compliance system for use across multiple

industries.

Geri (Katz), age 71

Real estate agent / Managing Broker, @Properties

Notes: Geri Katz and Hal Emalfarb have been married since November 21, 1994. They have six children and 4 children. Geri does not appear to be incredibly technologically adept, but does lean heavily into Facebook as a preferred social media platform.

Hal is an attorney who graduated from Loyola after receiving a bachelor's in Poli-Sci. He appears to be very well connected amongst Highland Park city officials. Personal friends include Mayor Nancy Rotering and city manager Ghida Neukirch, who in FOIA released email chains implicated Bobby as a white supremacist due to a Sad Boys Pepe the Frog t-shirt he wore and was photographed in at age 15 - (PRIOR to the alt-right adoption of the Pepe meme on 4chan and elsewhere. At the time of Bobby's posting, Pepe was a commonly used Twitch emote).

The Emalfarbs are quite apparently part of the Jewish diaspora amongst Highland Park. Geri's recent social media posts indicate a strong support for Israel and Zionism.

BODY

On July 8, 2022 - CBS2 aired a 2:51 segment in which the already widely circulated CCTV still shot photo of Robert Crimo III was expounded upon along with its original footage by the owners of the surveillance camera who captured it, Geri and Hal Emalfarb.

[image file; 101457am_CCTV.jpg]

Geri and Hal own the building that houses StudioOne, LLC at 1799 Green Bay Road. StudioOne sits on the south side of the alley that leads to the parking lot behind the building that houses Ross Cosmetics at the Northwest corner of 625 Central Ave. The alley is nestled between the exterior of StudioOne and the Renaissance Place building, with a railing on the north side of the walkway.

[image file; 1799greenbayexterior_1.jpeg]

Access to the rear Northwest parking lot from Green Bay Road is only accessible via walkway. The entrance to the parking lot by car is actually one

block east, on 2nd street. Just behind the Ross building and across the street from Gearhead Outfitters on the Northeast corner.

[image file; googleearth_NWcorner_1]

Colloquially described as an unsecured fire-escape in the media, the steps used to gain access to the Ross roof-top, reportedly, are actually secure stairs that lead up to the second story apartments along Central Avenue. Those stairs - or fire-escape - sit behind the Ross building in the rear parking lot.

[image file; googleearth_NWcorner_2]

CBS2 investigator Megan Hickey interviewed the Emalfarbs while cross referencing information she had previously ascertained from local law enforcement.

It was THIS news segment that provided the all-too-important timestamps from the CCTV that wouldn't be publicly shown.

At 10:07 am the shooter entered the alley.

At 10:14 the shooting took place.

At 10:14:57, the shooter was captured on CCTV and we were given that snapshot.

As CBS2 reporter Irika Sargent said in her opening statement that night, **“it’s the picture that put a face to the mass shooting suspect, captured seconds after the bullets stopped flying.”**

ARGUMENT